

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 164

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mr. Santo Cicirello upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens who, through unwavering dedication and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mr. Santo Cicirello, who has devoted more than 40 years to the education and instruction of high school students and athletes; on March 19, 2005, Mr. Cicirello will be inducted into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, a most befitting recognition of his outstanding service to Tennessee high school athletics; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, Mr. Cicirello began his career teaching at Washington College Academy; in 1971, he began thirty years of outstanding service as a teacher and coach at David Crockett High School; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at David Crockett High School, from 1971-2001, he coached freshmen boys basketball, girls and boys track, and girls and boys cross-country; as cross country coach, he led his charges to several conference Championships and also won the Girls Regional Championship; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his duties as a classroom teacher and coach, he served honorably as a TSSAA football official for forty years as a member of the Football Officials Association; he officiated numerous TSSAA Playoff games and the Class A State Championship in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cicirello also has twenty-nine years of experience of officiating track, including twenty-five years officiating in the TSSAA State Track Meet, twenty years as a Field Judge Referee, and five years as a Meet Referee; in addition to officiating several conference, district, and regional meets, he has also expertly officiated three TSSAA State Team Relays; and

WHEREAS, a past letterman in track at Tusculum College, where he has since been inducted into the Tusculum College Sports Hall of Fame (1988), Mr. Cicirello has experience officiating collegiate indoor track meets and also worked as an inspector of pole vault landing pads for TSSAA in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cicirello has received many awards and accolades in his years as a coach, administrator, and athletic official; these include his receipt of the Regional Coach of the Year Award in Cross Country, the TSSAA Distinguished Service Recognition for an Official (1998), the A.F. Bridges Award for Official of the Year in Football and Track (1998), and the Tennessee High School Athletic Administration Association's Distinguished Service Award (2000); and

WHEREAS, a pillar of the Jonesborough community, Mr. Cicirello has been supported by his loving wife, Brenda, and his three children, Salvatore, David, and Sandra, throughout his illustrious career; and

WHEREAS, for the above and many other accomplishments, his impeccable moral standards, and impressive work ethic, Mr. Santo Cicirello has been selected for induction into the TSSAA Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Santo Cicirello, is a man of true character and commitment, and he exemplifies the type of selfless community servant and civic leader whom fellow Tennesseans admire for their tireless efforts in moulding the State's youth, guiding them with solid principles and high standards whether on the athletic fields or in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join the family, friends, and colleagues of Mr. Santo Cicirello in congratulating him upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic

Association Hall of Fame, honor, commend Mr. Cicirello for his substantial legacy as a teacher, coach, and administrator, and offer our thanks for the dedication which he has shown our State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.